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Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee 3232 Elder Street Boise, ID 83705

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an otolaryngologist in Boise, Idaho. I am writing this letter in support of Patanase being added to your Preferred Drug List. Topical nasal antihistamines play an important role in the treatment of allergic rhinitis. Since Patanase has been introduced to the market, I have had quite a bit of experience with this drug. It is very efficacious in treating allergic rhinitis. In addition its side effect profile is significantly better than the other intranasal antihistamines on the market. I have found that my patients tolerate this medication better with improved compliance secondary to less taste and less risk of sedation than its competitors in the same drug class. In addition, since last year, it has become indicated for use down to the age of 6, which makes it the only marketed intranasal antihistamine indicated down to this age. It is for these reasons, that I ask you to add Patanase to your Preferred Drug List.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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Dear Pharmacy Committee,

I am a pediatrician currently practicing with Saltzer Medical Group. I am writing to request the continuation of Moxifloxacin (Vigamox) as part of your preferred drug list. Vigamox is my first choice when treating bacterial conjunctivitis.

I began using Vigamox several years ago because of the convenience of the drops. It is the simplest dosing regimen of only TID versus QID or more, allowing for better compliance from parents or caretakers. The easier the compliance, the more effective the treatment will be. Since using Vigamox firstline, treatment failures have decreased. Vigamox has a neutral pH and also a lack of preservative, making the drop less irritable to the eye and is more comfortable for the patient. Vigamox also has proven clinical safety in neonates, which makes for a great benefit to my practice. I also prefer Vigamox over all other fluoroquinolone drops because of its broader spectrum of coverage allowing for quicker eradication of the bacteria.

Thank you for considering my request. I am hopeful that I will be able to continue prescribing Vigamox for my Medicaid population. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact my office at 463-3000.

